

- (ii) the actions of the employing unit; or
- (2) an individual:
 - (i) is laid off from employment through no fault of the individual;
 - (ii) obtains subsequent employment that pays weekly wages that total less than 50% of the weekly wage earned in the employment from which the individual was laid off; and
 - (iii) leaves the subsequent employment to attend a training program for which the individual has been chosen that:
 - 1. is offered under the Maryland Job Training Partnership Act;
 - or
 - 2. otherwise is approved by the Secretary.
- (c) (1) A circumstance for voluntarily leaving work is valid only if it is:
 - (i) a substantial cause that is directly attributable to, arising from, or connected with conditions of employment or actions of the employing unit; or
 - (ii) of such necessitous or compelling nature that the individual has no reasonable alternative other than leaving the employment.
- (2) For determination of the application of paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection to an individual who leaves employment because of the health of the individual or another for whom the individual must care, the individual shall submit a written statement or other documentary evidence of the health problem from a hospital or physician.
- (d) In addition to other circumstances for which a disqualification may be imposed, a disqualification shall be imposed if an individual leaves employment:
 - (1) to become self-employed;
 - (2) to accompany a spouse to a new location or to join a spouse in a new location; or
 - (3) to attend an educational institution.
- (e) A disqualification under this section:
 - (1) shall begin with the first week for which unemployment is caused by voluntarily leaving without good cause; and
 - (2) subject to subsection (c) of this section, shall continue:
 - (i) if a valid circumstance exists, for a total of at least 5 but not more than 10 weeks, as determined by the Secretary based on the seriousness of the circumstance; or